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## REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 520.30414R51  
First Named Inventor KATO, et al.  
Original Patent Number 6,330,755  
Original Patent Issue Date (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/01  
Express Mail Label No. 6330755

APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:  Utility Patent  Design Patent  Plant Patent  
(Check applicable box)

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

- Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
- Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
- Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
- Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?

Yes  No

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Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(PTO/SB/96)

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c).
- Original U.S. Patent for surrender
  - Ribboned Original Patent Grant
  - Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
- Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) (if applicable)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
- English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (if applicable)
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## REISSUE APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

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## Claims as Filed - Part 1

Claims in Patent		Number Filed in Reissue Application	(3) Number Extra	Small Entity Fee	Other than a Small Entity
(A) 32	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	(B) 32	**** 12 =	x \$____ =	or
(C) 18	Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	(D) 18	* 15 =	x \$____ =	
				Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h)) \$ 740	
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## Claims as Amended - Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity	Other than a Small Entity
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\*\* If the "Highest Number of Total Claims Previously Paid For" is less than 20, Write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* After any cancellation of claims.

\*\*\*\* If "A" is greater than 20, use (B - A); if "A" is 20 or less, use (B - 20).

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): KATO, et al.

Serial No.: Reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: VACUUM PROCESSING AND OPERATING METHOD

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.173(c), the following sets forth the status of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755 in the above-identified Reissue application. Patent claims 1-32 remain pending, with claim 16 being amended. No new claims are added by this Reissue application, as compared with the claims of the patent.

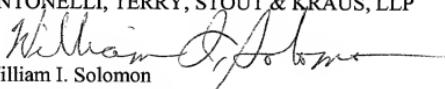
It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are supported, for example, by Figs. 1 and 2, particularly together with the corresponding description in columns 3-5, of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

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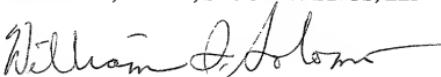
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Sir:

Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original Letters Patent of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755. The Official Letters Patent, or a Statement that the Official Letters Patent is lost or inaccessible, will be submitted in due course, prior to passing the Reissue application to issue.

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